

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for detecting leaks in respiratory gas supply systems, in which both the pressure of the respiratory gas and the volume flow of the respiratory gas are detected and fed into an evaluation unit, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the respiratory quantities pressure and flow are recorded by the evaluation unit for at least two successive respiratory cycles, that at least one control parameter with different signal amplitudes is preset for the successive respiratory cycles, and that resistance, compliance, and leak resistance are determined from the resulting differential curves of pressure and flow for these respiratory cycles.

2. Method in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the computation is performed for at least two immediately successive respiratory cycles.

3. Method in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the computation is performed for at least two respiratory cycles that are separated by at least one other respiratory cycle.

4. Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 3,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein different pressure
levels are preset for the successive inspirations.

5. Method in accordance with Claim 4, ~~characterized by the fact~~
~~that~~ wherein the first pressure level is selected higher than the
second pressure level.

6. Method in accordance with Claim 4, ~~characterized by the fact~~
~~that~~ wherein the first pressure level is selected lower than the
second pressure level.

7. Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 6,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein different volume
flows are preset for the successive respiratory cycles..

8. Method in accordance with Claim 7, ~~characterized by the fact~~
~~that~~ wherein the first volume flow is preset higher than the second
volume flow.

9. Method in accordance with Claim 7, ~~characterized by the fact~~
~~that~~ wherein the first volume flow is preset lower than the second
volume flow.

10. Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 9,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein a large number of
respiratory cycles, each with a varied control parameter, are carried
out in such a way that the values of the control parameters are
statistically distributed in such a way that a mean value corresponds
to a preset desired value for the control parameter.

11. Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 10,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein a leak compensation
is carried out.

12. Method in accordance with Claim 11, ~~characterized by the~~
~~fact that~~ wherein the leak compensation is carried out dynamically.

13. Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 12,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein a determination of
the spontaneous respiratory behavior is performed by the evaluation
unit (14).

14. Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 13,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein the evaluation unit
(14) compensates the effects of spontaneous respiratory behavior on
the ventilation.

15. Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 14,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein leak detection is
carried out in an area between a ventilator (7) and a patient (13).

16. Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 15,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein the measurements are
carried out only during inspiratory phases of the respiratory cycles.

17. Device for detecting leaks in respiratory gas supply
systems, which has both a device for detecting the pressure of a
respiratory gas and a device for detecting the volume flow of the
respiratory gas, and in which the detection devices are connected to
an evaluation unit, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the
evaluation unit (14) is designed to determine the respiratory
quantities pressure and flow, that a storage device is provided for
at least one pair of value sequences of pressure and flow for a
respiratory cycle, and that at least one differential sequence can be
generated for determining differential curves of compliance and
resistance for at least two successive respiratory cycles.

18. Device in accordance with Claim 17, ~~characterized by the
fact that~~ wherein at least one pressure sensor (8) is connected to
the evaluation unit (14).

19. Device in accordance with Claim 17, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein at least one volume flow sensor (9) is connected to the evaluation unit (14).

20. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 19,~~ ~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein at least one of the sensors (7, 8) is arranged so that it faces a ventilator (7) that is supplying the respiratory gas.

21. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 20,~~ ~~characterized by the fact~~ Claim 17, wherein one of the sensors (8, 9) is arranged so that it faces a ventilation mask (12).

22. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 21,~~ ~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein an expiration valve (11) is arranged so that it faces the ventilation mask (12).

23. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 21,~~ ~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein a discharge system (27) is arranged so that it faces the ventilation mask (12).

24. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 23,~~ ~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein a discharge system (27) is arranged so that it faces the ventilator (7).

25. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 23,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein an expiration valve
(11) is arranged so that it faces the ventilator (7).

26. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 25,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein a patient interface
that is connected with the ventilator (7) by the respiratory gas hose
(10) is designed as an invasive device.

27. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 25,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein a patient interface
that is connected with the ventilator (7) by the respiratory gas hose
(10) is designed as a noninvasive device.

28. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 27,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein the evaluation unit
(14) has an amplitude generator for a pressure that varies from
respiratory cycle to respiratory cycle.

29. Device in accordance with ~~any of Claims 17 to 27,~~
~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 17, wherein the evaluation unit
(14) has an amplitude generator for a volume flow that varies from
respiratory cycle to respiratory cycle.